

QUARTERLY ISSUES/PROGRAM REPORT

October 1, 2003 – December 31, 2003

WRC-TV attempts to serve the public interest, convenience and necessity by presenting broadcast material that treats significant issues of the people in the communities served by WRC-TV station. WRC recognizes that it has an ongoing obligation to remain aware of such community issues and to exercise its best judgment as to what broadcast matter should be programmed to treat those needs and interests.

The following is a brief description of such community issues and some of the programs we believe have provided the most significant treatment of such issues during the period October 1, 2003 – December 31, 2003, including the title of such program, its time, type, source, date and duration of broadcast.

NEWS FOUR AT FIVE AND TEN A.M., FOUR, FIVE, SIX AND ELEVEN P.M.
TYPE: News Series SOURCE: Local TIME: 5:00-7:00AM, 10:00-11:00AM, 4:00-5:00PM, 5:00-6:00PM, 6:00-7:00PM, 11:00-11:35PM, Monday – Friday; 6:00-6:30PM, Saturday and Sunday. NEWS 4 TODAY. TYPE: News SOURCE: Local TIMES: Weekdays, 5:00-7:00AM, Saturdays, 6:00-7:00AM, 9:00-10:00AM, Sundays, 6:00AM-8:00AM, and 9:00AM-10:30AM. DURATION: See Times. WRC-TV reporters probe special issues of concern to area residents. **Stories generally appear more than once in the daily newscasts, as they are recapped throughout the day.** WRC-TV initiated, in December 1992, active closed captioning of its news broadcasts. Currently, all regularly scheduled news programs thirty minutes or longer are closed-captioned. Also, special news events sometimes are closed captioned, depending on the availability of the transcription service. The word for word transcription service includes chitchat between stories at two hundred plus words per minute, with less than a three-second delay. This effort addresses the needs of more than 300,000 deaf and hard of hearing people in the Washington area.

THE MCLAUGHLIN GROUP. TYPE: Public Affairs SOURCE: Syndicated (Originates from WRC-TV studios) TIME: Saturdays, 7:30-8:00PM, Repeated Sundays, 11:30AM. DURATION: thirty Minutes. This public affairs panel anchored by John McLaughlin, features discussion and analysis of current national and world events by five candid and respected Washington commentators.

ONE ON ONE. TYPE: Public Affairs SOURCE: Syndicated (Originates from WRC-TV) TIME: Sundays, 12:00 DURATION: Thirty Minutes. Host John McLaughlin interviews a prominent political or world leader each week on selected newsworthy issues.

REPORTERS NOTEBOOK. TYPE: Public Affairs SOURCE: Local TIME: Sundays, 6:15-6:30AM. DURATION: Fifteen Minutes. This reporter roundtable, which premiered on October 4, 1992, features discussion of public affairs issues by leading area

journalists. The program is part of News 4 Today and usually is hosted by WRC-TV reporter Tom Sherwood. Journalist Milagros Ardin, WMAL-AM; Dave McConnell, WTOP-AM; and Jerry Phillips, WBIG-FM/WTEM-AM, join him.

VIEWPOINT. TYPE: Public Affairs SOURCE: Local TIME: Sundays, 7:00-7:30AM. DURATION: Thirty Minutes. WRC-TV's Joe Krebs hosts this weekly exploration of issues and people impacting the community. The program is part of the two hour News 4 Today news block on Sundays from 6:00-8:00AM. It premiered on November 15, 1992

I. TAKING CARE OF OUR CHILDREN and FAMILY, MISC

Many children in the Washington effort suffer from being denied the opportunity to grow up in a stable home with parents who can care for them emotionally and financially. WRC-TV helps these children directly through its Wednesday's Child project, described below. The station also broadcasts other news stories on the issue of adoption, some of which are described below.

NEWS FOUR AT FIVE PM. – WEDNESDAY'S CHILD. WRC-TV's Barbara Harrison, on selected Wednesdays, features a child or children who need a home, or celebrates a happy ending to an adoption story. In September, Barbara Harrison, with the Council of Governments, launched a program through which viewers may dial a phone number and find out more about adopting a child through any jurisdiction in our viewing area. Some of the stories are repeated on News 4 Sundays at nine AM. Some of the dates in which Wednesday's Child ran were:

October (10/1, 10/8, 10/15, 10/22, 10/29)

November (11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 11/26)

December (12/3, 12/10, 12/17, 12/24)

News 4 October 1 – A new child booster seat law took effect in Maryland today.

News 4 October 1 – Four journalists who were killed covering the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan were honored today.

News 4 October 2 – The Labor Department says new claims for unemployment rose last week.

News 4 October 2 – While a year has passed, some people are still emotionally healing from the effects of those sniper shootings.

News 4 October 3 – The fires that destroyed two homes with a mile of each other in Bowie have been ruled arson.

News 4 October 6 – An American and a British scientist have won the Nobel Prize for Medicine.

News 4 October 6, 7 – A pet Bengal tiger was rescued from an apartment in Harlem, New York over the weekend after biting its owner. The man says the animal was his best friend

News 4 October 7 – The federal government is taking new action to help schools deal with bomb threats.

News 4 October 7 – Doctors say it is all but miraculous that magician Roy Horn is still alive after he was mauled by a tiger last week.

News 4 October 7 – A spectacular fire this morning engulfed one of the busiest streets in the district. The huge gas fire happened right in front of George Washington University hospital.

News 4 October 7 – Pope John Paul the Second traveled to Pompeii today for a special mass that attracted 30 thousand pilgrims.

News 4 October 8 – An American and an Englishman will share this year's Nobel Prize in Economics.

News 4 October 8 – Metro is experimenting with its first public toilet.

News 4 October 8 – The wife of Maryland Governor Bob Ehrlich has apologized about a comment she made about pop star Britney Spears.

News 4 October 8 – A Florida woman spent 13 hours trapped in her car underwater.

News 4 October 9 – After hurricane Isabel, some residents in Belle View are still taking showers at a rec center because they have no hot water.

News 4 October 9 – The House voted to change a little known law that requires wounded soldiers to pay for their own meals in US military hospital.

News 4 October 9 – Roger Moore the British actor who played secret agent James Bond in several films, was knighted by Queen Elizabeth.

News 4 October 10 – The 12th annual Taste of DC begins this weekend and lasts until Monday.

News 4 October 10 – Conservative commentator Rush Limbaugh made a surprise announcement on his radio show.

News 4 October 10 – For the first time in history the winner of this year's Nobel Peace Prize is going to an Iranian citizen.

News 4 October 13 – Prince George's County police are asking for help to find a pregnant woman who is missing.

News 4 October 13 – Boston's Logan International airport will become the first airport in the country to electronically screen all cargo before it's loaded on commercial flights.

News 4 October 14 – Searchers off Cape Cod, Massachusetts are still looking for a missing kayaker from Bethesda.

News 4 October 14 – A woman in Fairfax County is without a home temporarily because of a costly fire.

News 4 October 15, 16 – The Associated Press reported 12 people were killed when a Staten Island ferry was attempting to dock. The investigation is now focusing on the pilot's actions.

News 4 October 15 – More and more grandparents are raising their grandchildren and they want help from the federal government.

News 4 October 15 – The crowds are gathering at the Vatican in anticipation of tomorrow's 25th anniversary celebration of Pope John Paul the second.

News 4 October 16 – The Archbishop of Washington, Cardinal Theodore McCarrick is at the Vatican for today's events.

News 4 October 16 – Once a constitution is established and elections are held, the US and Britain will relinquish their sovereignty over Iraq.

News 4 October 16 – Guests are back in their rooms at the Hay Adams Hotel in downtown Washington after a fuel spill this afternoon.

News 4 October 17 – Making money and being crowned champ is the goal of about four dozen people who are heading to Atlantic City for the National Monopoly championship.

News 4 October 21 – Montgomery County firefighters rescued nearly a dozen people after a fire broke out at an apartment building in Aspen Hill.

News 4 October 21 – The 2000 census report confirms single women do outnumber single men across the US.

News 4 October 22 – The District's new director of the division of child support enforcement is promising big changes in her agency.

News 4 October 22 – It was one year ago today that Conrad Johnson, the last sniper victim was killed.

News 4 October 23 – The world-renowned Julliard String Quartet performed at the Patricia Sitar Center for the Arts in Adams Morgan.

News 4 October 23 – A Maryland congressman has launched a new website to help US troops serving in Iraq.

News 4 October 23 – The search of over for a University of Maryland student who disappeared a few days ago.

News 4 October 24 – The annual Marine Corps Marathon is taking place this weekend. Eighteen thousand runners are expected to compete.

News 4 October 24 – Marine Corporal Chris Gonzalez received letters and care packages from his students at Murray Hill Middle School while in Iraq.

News 4 October 27 – Residents of the District are mourning the death, and remembering the legacy of Walter Washington, the city's first elected mayor.

News 4 October 27 – Two men were rescued from a crash in Bowie, Maryland just seconds before the truck exploded in flames.

News 4 October 27 – The wildfires in California are affecting air travel, particularly flights to and from southern California.

News 4 October 27 – More than 7 years after it exploded, TWA flight 800 has been reconstructed and will be used as a teaching tool here in our area.

News 4 October 28 – Minority groups say the entertainment industry should do more to promote diversity both in front of and behind the screen.

News 4 October 28 – A new study concludes that children in this country are spending too much time in front of TV and computer screens and not enough time with books.

News 4 October 28 – A new study suggests that women with children are calmer under pressure, and deal with adversity better than women who are not mothers.

News 4 October 28 – Efforts to reach 13-trapped miners are continuing today in Russia.

News 4 October 29 – This year's Halloween celebration in Georgetown is expected to be one of the largest in recent memory.

News 4 October 30 – We have more news on Steve Rucker, the firefighter who died in the line of duty.

News 4 October 30 – In Atlantic City an investigation is underway in a terrible construction accident.

News 4 October 31 – Georgetown is bracing for what could be a wild Halloween celebration.

News 4 October 31 – District residents and its leaders are remembering former DC mayor Walter Washington.

News 4 November 3 – The downing this weekend of the helicopter is fresh on the minds of troops returning to Iraq after a 15-day leave.

News 4 November 3 – It was a solemn atmosphere as students arrived at Anacostia High this morning.

News 4 November 3 – CBS television canceled its controversial mini-series called “The Reagan’s”.

News 4 November 4 – Next Monday the Washington Convention Center will unveil its new art collection.

News 4 November 4 – About 75 temporary jobs will open up in the District because of a grant from the federal government.

News 4 November 4 – A plane full of American soldiers from Iraq landed at BWI airport today, bringing them home for two weeks of rest.

News 4 November 5 – The firehouse that stands across the street from the World Trade Center site is known as Engine Ten Ladder Ten.

News 4 November 5 – As many as 28 soldiers are likely to be charged with being AWOL because they missed their flights back to Iraq.

News 4 November 5 – A woman named Shirin Ebadi made history by becoming the first Iranian citizen to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

News 4 November 5 – There was a heartwarming ceremony in Montgomery County today to honor a hero.

News 4 November 6 – A US Park Police officer is being praised for his bravery after he rescued a man who crashed his car into Rock Creek.

News 4 November 6 – Funeral services were held today for a local student who was shot and killed last week.

News 4 November 6 – Police have now identified a man from Northern Virginia who drowned this morning in Ocean City.

News 4 November 10 – The city council in Annapolis is expected to vote tonight on a proposal to ban the sale and possession of toy guns.

News 4 November 10 – Some elementary school children in the District got an important lesson in life.

News 4 November 10 – The Federal Communications Commission approved a proposal that will allow people to switch their home phone numbers to their cell phones.

News 4 November 10 – Investigators say smoldering ashes from a fireplace may have triggered a major fire that destroyed a home in Ashton, Maryland.

News 4 November 11 – On this Veteran's Day, much of the focus is on Iraq and the troops who still remain in harm's way.

News 4 November 11 – Here at home and in Iraq soldiers and citizens joined together to pay tribute to veterans from current and past conflicts.

News 4 November 12 – Students from Oregon State University are trying to make it into the Guinness Book of World records.

News 4 November 17 – State delegate Howard "Pete" Rawlings, one of the most influential leaders in Maryland politics has died.

News 4 November 17 – Police have identified the man who was killed in a construction accident in Hyattsville, Maryland.

News 4 November 17 – David Flitton has been on duty in Iraq since January. Over the weekend he gave his daughter a unexpected wedding present.

News 4 November 18 – The Barbie Doll is about to turn 45 years old and a German housewife has opened a Barbie Facelift Clinic.

News 4 November 19 – Today in New York, authorities unveiled the finalists in a competition to design the memorial at the World Trade Center site.

News 4 November 19 – For the second year in a row, a special version of "It's Academic" was held at the State Department.

News 4 November 19 – Owners of restaurants and bars in the District clashed with citizen groups before the DC Council.

News 4 November 20 – George Hamilton is heading for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame for the second time.

News 4 November 20 – Here in the Washington area it looks like Jackson fans can't get enough of the pop star even with child molestation charges against him.

News 4 November 21 – Nine DC firefighters are receiving medical treatment after they were exposed to asbestos while battling a fire in Northwest.

News 4 November 21 – Tomorrow will mark the 40th anniversary of the assassination of President John Kennedy.

News 4 November 21 – Thanksgiving is less than a week away, and the nurses of Georgetown University Hospital are nearing the end of a 72-hour marathon to collect food for Project Harvest.

News 4 November 24 – There's more information about a fire in Prince Georges County that killed a woman.

News 4 November 24 – Muhammad was on trial for the murder of Dean Meyers, who was shot and killed October 9th of last year.

News 4 November 25 – Christmas is just a month away, and it's never too early to send out your holiday greetings.

News 4 November 25 – Police are investigating an accident this morning that appears to have involved an underage driver.

News 4 November 25 – One of the National Zoo's youngest residents got a big birthday present today.

News 4 November 26 – Tomorrow, the group called Food and Friends will deliver Thanksgiving dinners to three thousand people in our area.

News 4 November 27 – Bishop Imogene Stewart has been helping the poor in Washington for more than 3 decades, and that tradition continues.

News 4 November 27 – Food and Friends is a local organization that helps the sick and the needy in our area.

News 4 November 27 – Many people marry and expect it to last a lifetime. Unfortunately, statistics show half of all marriages don't make it.

News 4 November 27 – This is the first Thanksgiving holiday since the war in Iraq, began.

News 4 November 27 – Hundreds of troops who have been serving in Iraq are home for Thanksgiving, thanks to the military's R and R program.

News 4 November 27 – The Jesuit Community at Georgetown University has apologized for releasing the diary of a priest who counseled Jacqueline Kennedy.

News 4 November 28 – The European Commission has announced new rules regarding pets that travel throughout Europe.

News 4 November 28 – This is a heartbreaking Thanksgiving weekend for a McLean couple, whose house was destroyed by fire.

News 4 November 28 – One of the soldiers the President had Thanksgiving dinner with is Captain Mark St. Laurent from Leesburg, Virginia.

News 4 November 28 – Three men from Northern Virginia are safe tonight following a dramatic rescue at sea.

News 4 December 1 – The Capitol Christmas tree arrived earlier today. This year's tree comes from the Boise National Forest in Boise Idaho.

News 4 December 2 – A two-year-old boy who fell into a pool yesterday while at a home daycare remains in critical conditions.

News 4 December 2 – President Bush is hoping a law he re-authorized today will encourage more adoption.

News 4 December 2 – Members of the Prince Georges County fire department are mourning the death of one of their colleagues.

News 4 December 3 – Fire investigators are still trying to figure out what sparked a deadly fire that broke out at a home in Chevy Chase.

News 4 December 3 – A new Hall of Fame is on its way to Washington. It's the Negro League Legends Hall of Fame.

News 4 December 3 – There was an accident today at a White House gate.

News 4 December 3 – Virginia has lifted a controversial ban on certain Christmas trees.

News 4 December 4 – The annual Pageant of Peace festivities are taking place right now on the mall.

News 4 December 4 – In Washington today officials broke ground for a new museum on Pennsylvania Avenue. The "Newseum" focuses on journalism.

News 4 December 8 – Students, teachers and parents from Murch Elementary School are taking action that may help save the life of one of their teachers.

News 4 December 8 – Congress today approved the first national effort to stop junk e-mail known as spam.

News 4 December 8 – Another re-vitalization program is officially under way in the District.

News 4 December 9 – The strongest effects of the earthquake that hit our area was felt in central Virginia.

News 4 December 9 – Criminal charges have been filed in connection with that deadly fire at a nightclub in Rhode Island, back in February.

News 4 December 9 – British rock star Ozzy Osbourne remains in intensive care in a British hospital.

News 4 December 10 – Our troops stationed in Iraq are keeping in touch with their families through a couple of local satellite companies.

News 4 December 10 – Sisters with Strings are a local quartet of classically trained musicians who have performed thru the years with the DC Youth Orchestra.

News 4 December 10 – In Montgomery County a move to get ride of vending machines from the entrances to public schools failed.

News 4 December 10 – Memorial services were held today for Nancy Dunning, the wife of Alexandria Sheriff Jim Dunning.

News 4 December 10 – In Montgomery County a minor fender bender involving a car and a school bus took a deadly turn.

News 4 December 12 – Earlier this year we reported on an inflatable church that was making the rounds in Britain now it's on the road in Germany.

News 4 December 15 – Metro transit police say the holidays mean more pickpockets.

News 4 December 15 – As hours pass since Saddam Hussein's capture, the time has also run out on R and R for many US soldiers here at home.

News 4 December 16 – DC fire investigators are looking into what caused a new furnace to leak carbon monoxide into a northeast home.

News 4 December 16 – We're focusing on the twelve days of giving, a look at organizations that give to our community all year long.

News 4 December 16 – Tomorrow marks the 100th anniversary of the first flight by Orville and Wilbur Wright.

News 4 December 17 – More and more married people are heading to chat rooms looking for love.

News 4 December 17 – Protestors who say DC police infringed on their right to free speech, took their complaint before the city council.

News 4 December 17 – Hundreds of US soldiers will be coming home for the holidays with the help of Operation Hero Miles.

News 4 December 17 – The 78-year-old black woman who revealed she is the daughter of the late Senator Strom Thurmond says she now feels free.

News 4 December 17 – The plane used for today's re-enactment is a replica of the Wright Brothers' plane.

News 4 December 18 – It's looking more and more like Theresa Chambers' days as US Park Police chief are numbered.

News 4 December 19 – As part of the 12 days of giving, we are focusing on the people and programs that give to our community year round. One of them is the DC Youth Orchestra.

News 4 December 19 – A local elementary school is taking action, trying to boost parental involvement.

News 4 December 19 – Federal health officials attribute the overall decline in drug use to changes in the national youth anti-drug campaign.

News 4 December 19 – Sundown marked the beginning of Hanukkah, the 8-day festival of lights celebrated by people of the Jewish faith.

News 4 December 19 – Today authorities in New York City unveiled the design for the building that will replace the World Trade Center.

News 4 December 22 – In Rockville, Maryland volunteer firefighters are taking donations for people whose apartment building was heavily damaged by fire.

News 4 December 22 – Survivors of the victims of the September 11th terrorist attacks have only a few hours left to file for federal compensation.

News 4 December 22 – Helping people with dignity and respect has been Bread for the City's calling card for nearly 30 years.

News 4 December 22 – A fire at an apartment building in Rockville has left more than 20 families homeless.

News 4 December 22 – Arson investigators have linked a weekend fire in Prince George's County to a serial arsonist suspected of setting dozens of fires in our area.

News 4 December 23 – Authorities in Ohio are looking into the cause of a terrible fire that killed six people overnight.

News 4 December 23 – There was a dramatic rescue at a waterfall in Norway. A man with a paraglide tried to launch himself from the top of the waterfall.

News 4 December 24 – The Vatican unveiled its Christmas nativity scene as the world's Roman Catholics and other Christians prepare to celebrate the holiday.

News 4 December 24 – A spacecraft designed to explore Mars is expected to land on the planet later tonight.

News 4 December 24 – The troops in Iraq got a morale boost from Late Night television host Dave Letterman.

News 4 December 24 – It is already Christmas morning in Iraq and soldiers there have been doing what they can to get into the spirit of the holiday season.

News 4 December 25 – Pope John Paul the Second spoke of war, terrorism and peace in the Middle East during his Christmas message today.

News 4 December 25 – Theodore Cardinal McCarrick celebrated a number of masses on Christmas Day, as well as Christmas Eve.

News 4 December 25 – In the District, members of the Jewish community continued a tradition today.

News 4 December 25 – This holiday season has been a mix of tragedy and celebration for one local mom and her four-year-old daughter.

News 4 December 26 – This is the first day of Kwanzaa and in DC the celebration began at the Martin Luther King Library.

News 4 December 26 – The White House is offering humanitarian aid to Iran and here in DC Iranian-Americans are already mobilizing to help.

News 4 December 29 – Gus McLeod from Gaithersburg is trying to make aviation history again.

News 4 December 29 – Lawmakers in Virginia who want tougher seatbelt laws say they will try again to get a bill through the General Assembly.

II. Health

WRC-TV covers issues related to health care, maintaining and improving health, and health-related breakthroughs.

News 4 October 6 – Two scientists awarded the Nobel Prize for Medicine for discoveries that led to the M-R-I (Magnetic Resonance Imaging).

News 4 October 6 – Researchers in Australia say they have succeeded in developing the first injectable male contraceptive.

News 4 October 8 – A news conference is scheduled in the investigation into the mercury contamination at Ballou High School.

News 4 October 9 – There is a development in breast cancer research. A drug that is used to prevent cancer recurrent is working so well researchers have stopped the study early.

News 4 October 9 – The mercury contamination that started at Ballou High School has spread further.

News 4 October 10 – More actions are being taken following mercury incident at Ballou High School. Mayor Anthony Williams is considering declaring a public health emergency.

News 4 October 13 – A new study suggests that extreme obesity is spreading in the U.S. at a rate that is alarming health care professionals.

News 4 October 13 – A new study suggests that regular use of tanning salons can increase the risk of developing skin cancer.

News 4 October 13 – The Food and Drug Administration is considering lifting restrictions on silicone breast implants.

News 4 October 13 – A student at Ballou High School has admitted to taking the dangerous chemical from an unlocked cabinet and spreading it through the halls and classrooms.

News 4 October 13 – Scientists in China say they've achieved a human pregnancy through a new technique.

News 4 October 13 – Doctors in Dallas say the conjoined twins who were separated during a marathon surgery over the weekend are doing remarkably well.

News 4 October 15 – Doctors in Florida removed the feeding tube that has kept a severely brain-damaged woman alive despite years of legal battles.

News 4 October 16 – Researchers say women who take cholesterol lowering drugs are also getting help in fighting breast cancer.

News 4 October 22 – Researchers at Walter Reed Army Medical Center are working on a new breast cancer vaccine, designed for women who suffer advance cases of the disease.

News 4 October 22 – New research has found that airline flight crews have a higher than normal rate of skin and breast cancer.

News 4 October 23 – New blood test that may be able to predict whether you may be at immediate risk for a heart attack, stroke or will be in need of bypass surgery.

News 4 October 23 – Scientists have discovered a gene they believe plays a role in causing obsessive-compulsive disorder.

News 4 October 23 – A study shows more and more people are turning to emergency rooms for treatment, even for routine care.

News 4 October 23 – Doctors in Oregon are testing an experimental device they hope can break up clots in stroke patients and help them live a more normal life.

News 4 October 23 – Federal health officials have decided that soldiers who serve in Iraq will not be allowed to give blood for one year after returning home.

News 4 October 23 – Congress held hearing on the safety of the Brentwood Postal Facility. Brentwood has been closed for two years.

News 4 October 23 – A new study on breast cancer finds a higher risk for women thought to have a breast cancer gene. The genes help to repair damaged DNA before it turns cells cancerous.

News 4 October 27 – A new study finds that people who smoke are more likely to develop multiple sclerosis than people who never smoked.

News 4 October 27 – A new study suggest women who take an aspirin a day to prevent heart disease and stroke may raise their risk for getting pancreatic cancer.

News 4 October 27 – The Food and Drug Administration says labeling menus is one of several proposals being considered to help people watch their weight.

News 4 October 27 – Starting next year, the federal government will require that new food labels be placed on products such as meat, vegetables and fruit.

News 4 October 28 – The federal government says a new steroid called T.H.G. being used by some athletes is an illegal drug and not a dietary supplement.

News 4 October 28 – The Prince George's County Council passed emergency legislation to help the financially troubled Prince George's hospital center.

News 4 October 29 – People in Southeast Washington are waging a fight to make sure their community hospital stays open.

News 4 October 29 – The District's Deputy Mayor says the mercury cleanup there is still going on and there's no date for reopening the school.

News 4 October 29 – The government is putting out its second warning about a popular new stent called the Cypher used to treat people with heart disease.

News 4 October 29 – Scientists found both domestic cats and ferrets were easily infected with the Sars virus that was taken from a human patient.

News 4 October 29 – The National Institutes of Health announced they'll be starting a new nationwide study to help women lower their chances of developing ovarian cancer.

News 4 October 30 – Psychologist from Yale University surveyed children at Halloween last year. The psychologist says she hopes adults will be reassured that non-candy treats are okay with most kids.

News 4 October 31 – Center for Disease Control says one out of every five people has genital herpes.

News 4 November 3 – There's a new kind of laser eye surgery on the market. Custom Lasik could improve your vision to better than 20/20.

News 4 November 3 – Ballou High School will re-open on Wednesday. The school has been closed for more than a month because of a mercury spill.

News 4 November 3 – Supreme Court has agreed to consider some controversial questions regarding the health plans known as HMO's.

News 4 November 3 – Doctors have recommended that parents keep a bottle of ipecac on hand to induce vomiting when children put something poisonous in their mouths.

News 4 November 3 – New experimental screening test kept a thousand units of blood infected with West Nile virus out the country's blood supply this year.

News 4 November 4 – Researchers Have identified some possible new warning signs of a heart attack in women.

News 4 November 4 – The new FluMist vaccine is being tested on school children in Maryland.

News 4 November 4 – New report suggests that medical care in hospitals would be better if nurses' working conditions were improved.

News 4 November 4 – The head of a government advisory panel has made an unusual move concerning silicone gel breast implants.

News 4 November 5 – Parents are being warned about a case of Hepatitis A at LaSalle Elementary School.

News 4 November 5 – The American Medical Association suggests that high levels of so-called bad cholesterol in children can lead to dangerous thickening of the artery walls later in adulthood.

News 4 November 5 – The Center for Disease Control recommends that almost all of us get a flu vaccine for protection.

News 4 November 6 – Pentagon officials tell NBC News that a small amount of anthrax was found today at the Navy's Anacostia Annex.

News 4 November 7 – When the Brentwood Post Office re-opens later this month, it will have a new name in honor of the two employees who contracted inhalation anthrax and died.

News 4 November 10 – Research says it's hard to tell which diet is best. A study found there was no difference in weight loss in people on the Atkins, Ornish, Weight Watchers or The Zone diet plans.

News 4 November 10 – There's a new type of facelift that requires no surgery and no recovery time. It's called Thermage and it uses radio waves to make you look years younger.

News 4 November 11 – A diet rich in vitamin C may help reduce the risk of stroke, especially in people who smoke.

News 4 November 11 – Common pain conditions are costing employers billions of dollars a year.

News 4 November 12 – Hundreds of thousands of men in the US are using testosterone supplements.

News 4 November 12 – More than 40 million people in this country have some form of arthritis and many suffer from chronic pain that limits their daily activity.

News 4 November 12 – The FDA says that eating an ounce and a half or approximately a third of a cup of certain nuts during the day can reduce your risk of heart disease.

News 4 November 14 – A new study suggests people who love sweets may be at risk of becoming alcoholic.

News 4 November 17 – A bi-partisan group of lawmakers on Capitol Hill has reached a compromise plan to reform Medicare.

News 4 November 17 – Experts have a warning about the safety of piercing the parts of your mouth- it could be hazardous to teeth, gums and heart.

News 4 November 17 – New research finds that women who have non-malignant forms of skin cancer may be at higher risk for developing more serious types of cancers.

News 4 November 18 – Flu season off to an early start. Physicians are concerned because the vaccine does not target the strain out there.

News 4 November 19 – Researchers say there's evidence a common treatment for HIV may cause heart problems.

News 4 November 19 – Researchers at Frostburg State University are looking to uncover the medicinal secrets of many of the wild plants that grow in the Appalachian Mountains.

News 4 November 20 – The Institute of Medicine say if computerized records became standard practice, it could help reduce deaths and injuries caused by medical mistakes.

News 4 November 20 – New report shows Americans have a big sweet tooth. Scientists say on average people consume 83 calories a day more from sugar and other sweeteners that they did 25 years ago.

News 4 November 21 – A look at a new drug that could control diabetes and help people lose weight. Researchers are working on this new treatment called the lizard or monster drug.

News 4 November 21 – A third pill to treat erectile dysfunction was approved for sale in the US today.

News 4 November 21 – Health officials confirmed a deadly outbreak of hepatitis-A in Pennsylvania was caused by green onions from Mexico.

News 4 November 25 – The Senate gave final passage to a bill that will overhaul Medicare.

News 4 November 25 – A new study will examine rescue dogs from the 911 sites who were exposed to high levels of carcinogens, to determine if they develop cancer at higher rates.

News 4 November 25 – All is clear after a mercury spill that affected Forestville high school and a school bus.

News 4 November 26 – A new plastic surgery procedure is being offered for those who have gone through significant weight loss.

News 4 November 26 – US health officials are concerned that this may be one of the worst flu seasons in years.

News 4 November 27 – Researchers have identified a “heart attack gene”. People who have it are almost guaranteed to have a heart attack.

News 4 November 28 – A new study finds aspirin is just as effective and cheaper than a lot of medications sold to prevent heart disease.

News 4 November 28 – A new medical report says the bad flu season could get much worse in the future.

News 4 December 1 – Department of Defense sponsored study found the 3-D version of the virtual colonoscopy can spot polyps better than the traditional optical colonoscopy.

News 4 December 1 – Last year we reported on a new technology that’s changing the way physicians are performing cancer surgery. It’s called the Cybernife.

News 4 December 1 – In our area and around the globe, people are marking World Aids Day.

News 4 December 1 – Here in the District health officials estimate there are about eight thousand people living with Aids.

News 4 December 3 – Flu outbreak has already struck in our area, weeks earlier than normal.

News 4 December 3 – Blood donations fall to low levels during the holiday season. New technology now available in area is helping to solve that problem.

News 4 December 3 – Virginia Blood Service is running out of platelets and is unable to get any from other blood banks in the area.

News 4 December 5 – Flu cases continue to rise among children, increasing number of parents are looking to find offices that aren't out of the vaccine.

News 4 December 5 – Montgomery County Department of Health is sponsoring two additional flu clinics next week.

News 4 December 5 – Virginia health officials are asking people who have gotten the FluMist nasal vaccine to stay away from some hospitals.

News 4 December 5 – They've run out of the flu vaccine in the midst of what could become the worst flu season on record.

News 4 December 8 – Health officials are scrambling to figure out how to ration the remaining supplies of the flu vaccine.

News 4 December 8 – Federal health officials say the country's flu epidemic could get worse before it gets better.

News 4 December 8 – President Bush signed into law the biggest overhaul of medicare since it was started nearly 40 years ago.

News 4 December 9 – The Federal Government is cracking down on companies that make false promises about diet products.

News 4 December 9 – Federal health officials are taking action to try to stop the spread of the flu.

News 4 December 10 – A three-drug cocktail, taken by many HIV patients proved to be the best treatment compared to other drug combinations used to treat the disease.

News 4 December 10 – According to a recent British study, exercise on a treadmill can be as mood altering as some drugs.

News 4 December 10 – People are visiting the ER with what they think are flu symptoms. Most cases it turns out patients are suffering from the common cold.

News 4 December 10 – The Dept. of Health & Human Services and the CDC have ordered the last of the remaining influenza shots from vaccine's manufacturer, Aventis Pasteur.

News 4 December 10 – The District still has enough flu vaccine to take care of its highest risk residents.

News 4 December 11 – The flu has now been reported in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

News 4 December 11 – People who are hoping to get some protection with a flu shot may have a difficult time finding one.

News 4 December 12 – Deborah Ziff-Cook's family attended bone marrow drive at Murch elementary school for the ill teacher.

News 4 December 12 – Some of the biggest public health departments in our area have run out of flu vaccine.

News 4 December 15 – New study out of Columbia University finds that people who have had a stroke may be at increased risk of developing Alzheimer's disease.

News 4 December 15 – New test can tell your doctor in just ten minutes if you have the flu virus.

News 4 December 15 – Maryland Governor Robert Ehrlich announced that he will make additional flu vaccines available to state residents.

News 4 December 16 – FDA committee has made a recommendation to allow pharmacies to sell the morning after pill over the counter.

News 4 December 16 – The FDA granted approval to the diet pill Zenical for use in very overweight young people.

News 4 December 16 – The flu outbreak may get a lot worse especially during the holiday travel season.

News 4 December 16 – The Federal government is boosting its supply of flu vaccine; has secured 375 thousand shots for adults.

News 4 December 16 – A form of emergency contraception could soon be available without a prescription.

News 4 December 17 – Experts at the Centers for Disease Control found the flu vaccine does not protect you from all the strains of the flu.

News 4 December 17 – Local hospitals are feeling the crunch from patients who think they have the flu.

News 4 December 17 – A new health study shows a racial gap among the elderly who get the flu vaccine.

News 4 December 17 – Health officials confirmed that Hampton man is fourth Virginian to die from the flu this year.

News 4 December 18 – President Bush visited wounded soldiers at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

News 4 December 18 – The Centers for Disease Control says at least 36 states have widespread cases of the flu.

News 4 December 18 – Hospital in Fredericksburg, Virginia has been cited for improper actions that resulted in the death of one patient and injuries to another.

News 4 December 19 – The Center for Disease Control and Prevention has activated its emergency operations center.

News 4 December 19 – The Johns Hopkins Children's Center is accepting responsibility for a medical mistake that took the life of a two-year-old cancer patient.

News 4 December 19 – One in 500 women and men have mutated genes that raise their cancer risks. A new CD-ROM could help you decide whether genetic testing is right for you.

News 4 December 19 – New study out of University of Washington shows Omega 3 fatty acids improve the flow of electrical signals that keep the heart beating steadily.

News 4 December 19 – In the midst of the worst flu season in recent history, doctors warn you keep a safe distance from people. Wash your hands frequently and use common sense.

News 4 December 19 – Looks like the flu outbreak may be getting worse. The CDC is most alarmed by the flu's effect on children.

News 4 December 19 – Johns Hopkins Children's Center is admitting a medical mistake. Human error was likely to blame for the death of a 2-year old cancer patient.

News 4 December 19 – The country's top health agency is stepping up its response to the flu outbreak. The flu is now widespread in 36 states.

News 4 December 24 – Health officials in the district are warning residents to beware of possibly illegal flu vaccine.

News 4 December 24 – The Mad Cow was discovered in Washington State. Some big supermarket chains in our area are trying to reassure their customers.

News 4 December 26 – Doctors at Georgetown University hospital have performed a rare transplant that saved the life of a five-year-old boy.

News 4 December 26 – There's encouraging news for some Montgomery County residents who need flu shots.

News 4 December 29 – New details are emerging about the animal at the center of this country's first case of mad cow disease.

News 4 December 29 – A study by doctors in Britain finds that some sunscreen don't protect against harmful rays.

III. Consumer

WRC-TV airs daily segments on issues of interest to consumers, including safety, cost saving, government regulations, and new products.

News 4 October 1 – Identify theft is a multi-billion dollar problem, a local company; American Management Services is looking at technology for solutions.

News 4 October 2 – The race between Palm and the Pocket PC world keeps on tightening.

News 4 October 2 – Liz puts the new formula Pine-Sol in the Claim Checker.

News 4 October 3 – Liz Crenshaw answers Ask Liz questions regarding residential parking and fresh herbs.

News 4 October 3 – The Consumer Product Safety Commission has recalled four products. They are: a Crossman air rifle that shoots pellets, a back-up power supply unit, a bicycle tire pump made by Park Tool USA, and a haunted house tealight candle holder sold at Pottery Barn stores.

News 4 October 3 - The new more colorful 20-dollar bill will go into circulation next Thursday.

News 4 October 3 – The DC Public Service Commission is trying to find out more about Pepco's performance after Isabel.

News 4 October 6 – IJ Hudson does comparison on cell phone bill cost.

News 4 October 6 – Liz Crenshaw talks about pet adoption with guest from the Animal Welfare League of Arlington.

News 4 October 7 – The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is about to change the way it reports on the likelihood of rollover accidents and your vehicle.

News 4 October 7 – Sony unveiled their latest version of the play station video game console.

News 4 October 7 – The first responders in the District are being heard, in areas where radio reception was scratchy.

News 4 October 7 – The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is changing the way it reports on the likelihood of rollover accidents and your vehicle.

News 4 October 8 – Faster processor speeds, more memory and better computer code are helping Translate TV put new words at the bottom of the screen.

News 4 October 8 – The Federal Trade Commission says it will resume accepting phone numbers from people who do not want to be bothered by telemarketers.

News 4 October 8 – Heating your home may be less expensive this winter. Washington Gas officials say if winter temperatures are normal this year, bills will be 15% lower than last winter.

News 4 October 8 – The ban on smoking in bars and restaurants in Montgomery County is scheduled to take effect tomorrow.

News 4 October 9 – Lines are open again for people to register for the do-not-call-list.

News 4 October 9 – Liz has great idea for anyone whose ever had to unpack a household. Busy Buddies, a couple of Virginia women who came up with an idea whose time had come.

News 4 October 9 – After months of anticipation the new 20-dollar bill is now in circulation.

News 4 October 13 – Liz interviews guest from Washington Humane Society about pet adoption.

News 4 October 13 – IJ talks about the companies that provide us access to the Internet file size restrictions.

News 4 October 14 – A new study says that after years of eating less healthy food, Americans are beginning to lose weight by eating more fruits and vegetables.

News 4 October 14 – A report from Insight Express says 57-percent of Americans pay at least one bill per month via Internet.

News 4 October 14 – There was a natural gas leak in Rockville this morning. Washington Gas crews capped the line.

News 4 October 14– IJ Hudson talks about Internet catalog on Digital Edge.

News 4 October 15 – Since 9-11 the federal government has taken steps to beef up security at airports, rail stations, and ports across the country.

News 4 October 15 – Media Recover can help restore files or pictures we thought had been deleted in digital gadgets.

News 4 October 16 – Homeowners in Montgomery and Prince Georges counties have been fighting pinhole leaks in copper pipes for years. WSSC may have a solution.

News 4 October 16 – People traded in their turntables and reel-to-reel tape decks for CD and mp3 players. Now you can digitize your old records using Xitel's InPort.

News 4 October 16 – Since nonsmoking law went into effect in Montgomery County, bar and restaurant owners say business is way down.

News 4 October 17 – Gallery Player may be one of the latest things in decorating the lobby of an office.

News 4 October 17 – Liz answers questions about new car processing fee; broken trash can pickup and what the "Best Boy" term means in movie credits.

News 4 October 20 – Apple says 1-million windows versions of its music software have been downloaded since Apple opened the doors to its previously MAC only music service.

News 4 October 20 – Prince George's County Animal Shelter discusses why adopting from a shelter is a great idea.

News 4 October 20 – Officials announced today that the doors will open at the new Best Buys store this Friday.

News 4 October 21 – Laptops are stolen, left behind at security checks are just left running at the office desk. SecurLock can help protect that information.

News 4 October 22 – The Perfection 1670 Scanner scans slides and negatives and also does color restoration of family album shots.

News 4 October 23- Wireless technology is making it's way through ballparks, stadiums, arenas – anywhere there is a professional sport.

News 4 October 23 – Use reflective tape on your child's Halloween costume to make sure drivers can see them.

News 4 October 24 – Ameri-Debt credit counseling firm in Germantown, Maryland, says it has stopped accepting new customers and will lay off most of its workforce because of recent negative publicity.

News 4 October 24 – Liz answers questions about where to sell your used books; why do some companies add food coloring to dog food, and a question about taxicabs.

News 4 October 24 – District leaders celebrated Best Buy’s grand opening in Tenleytown.

News 4 October 27 – Bank of America, the country’s third largest bank, has agreed to purchase Fleet Boston Financial.

News 4 October 27 – Cingular Wireless is still behind in offering a high speed data service, but hopes to have one by the end of the year.

News 4 October 27 – More than 200-thousand checks the IRS mailed out this summer were returned undelivered.

News 4 October 27 – Guest from Montgomery County Humane Society joins Liz to talk about adopting from a shelter.

News 4 October 27 – The District unveiled its newest cruise ship today.

News 4 October 28 – The Consumer Product Safety Commission is recalling almost 66-thousand Pier-One glass candleholders. The CPSC is also recalling 6-thousand “Duet two-in-one Hair Styler-Curler Irons.

News 4 October 28 – Safety officials want parents to make sure Halloween is a safe one for children.

News 4 October 28 – In 4-years new TV’s must be equipped to receive digital TV signals.

News 4 October 29 – Napster was free, but today it re-opens as a service that hopes to offer features you’ll want to pay for.

News 4 October 29 – The DC Arts Commission’s popular display of donkey and elephant statues can now be purchased online in a miniaturized version.

News 4 October 30 – The Panasonic D-Snap is digital camera, mp3 player and voice recorder all wrapped in one device that’s slightly larger than a business card case.

News 4 October 30 – Close to 55-million Americans have said “don’t-call-me to telemarketers.

News 4 October 30 – A Metro committee is backing a plan that would eliminate free public service announcements on Metro trains or buses.

News 4 October 30 – Super bowl 42 will not be coming to the Washington area in 2008. The announcement came this morning in Chicago.

News 4 October 31 – More digital cameras are featuring larger zoom lenses. That means bringing the action up close.

News 4 October 31 – The Maryland Lottery is on the lookout for a missing lottery ticket worth a million dollars.

News 4 October 31 – There is some legal confusion about the do-not-call registry that could be decided in court next month.

News 4 November 3 – Honda has announced a major recall involving hundreds of thousands of sedans, mini-vans and SUV's.

News 4 November 3 – Federal regulators are proposing the first major penalty for a violation of the Do Not Call list.

News 4 November 3 – In a few weeks cellular phone customers can switch providers and still maintain their phone number. The FCC approved the new policy.

News 4 November 3 – Folks at SmartDisk came up with a portable hard drive that makes it easy to store pictures in the field and take a closer look at what you've shot.

News 4 November 3 – AT&T has become the first alleged violator of the do-not-call list.

News 4 November 4 – XM Satellite Radio has gone from pictures, theory, and models to radio from the sky.

News 4 November 4 – An association that represents bar and liquor storeowners is expected to propose putting slot machines in their establishments in Maryland.

News 4 November 6 – German company Bertelsmann and Sony say they plan to unite.

News 4 November 6 – The FTC is going after advertisers who use a back door to deliver popup ads to your computer.

News 4 November 6 – The US mint announced today the nickel will look different starting next year.

News 4 November 10 – Rules have changed with homeowners insurance to the point that if you use it you may very well lose it.

News 4 November 10 – Microsoft has launched its new voice command software that will work with the latest pocket PC's and new smart phones coming out.

News 4 November 10 – WSSC will begin adding a chemical called Ortho-phosphate to its water supply.

News 4 November 10 – The word “McJob” appears in the latest edition of the Merriam Webster Collegiate Dictionary.

News 4 November 11 – The actor Art Carney who immortalized the role of Ed Norton on the Honeymooners show has died.

News 4 November 11 – On November 24th you will be free to move around the wireless world and take your phone number with you.

News 4 November 11 – Americans are expected to spend million of dollars on gift cards this year.

News 4 November 11 – Technology makes it easier to share music freely. Now it also makes it easier to buy just the songs you want.

News 4 November 12 – Two men from North Carolina are facing charges under Virginia’s new anti-spam law.

News 4 November 12 – United Airlines put an end speculation by confirming that it’s new low-cost airline will be called “TED”.

News 4 November 12 – What’s the best day to make a purchase at the department store? It’s all determined by the sales code and if you crack it you can save big bucks.

News 4 November 13 – The Fisher-Price Company is recalling tens of thousands of children’s scooters and mini-bikes.

News 4 November 13 – Digital Edge features a gadget that let’s you view pictures, videos and hear music from your computer or TV and a camera that follows you.

News 4 November 13 – The DC Council is considering legislation that would require some restaurants in the city to put certain nutritional information on their menus.

News 4 November 13 – Some big names in the entertainment industry are joining together to encourage young people to vote.

News 4 November 14 – “Now You Know” report says most websites that want your business display a “contact us” button, but 35 percent of email inquiries receive no response within a week and 25 percent get no response at all.

News 4 November 14 – Vision by Scopeware takes a visual approach to help you find what you need on your computer.

News 4 November 17 – Liz reports on latest and greatest special toys for the holiday.

News 4 November 19 – A creditor's trust is suing six former K-Mart executives saying they billed the company for personal expenses.

News 4 November 19 – A government investigation says an Ohio utility is to blame for this summer's historic blackout.

News 4 November 20 – The federal government is trying to help protect your privacy. It's continuing its crack down on cyber crime.

News 4 November 21 – Sometimes little gadgets can help pass the time when on the way to Grandma's house. The Consumer Electronics Association has some recommendations.

News 4 November 21 – Americans will spend 11 billion dollars on video games and platforms this year.

News 4 November 24 – Congress is going after spam. The house passed a bill that would prosecute people who send out unwanted e-mails to computer users.

News 4 November 24 – This is the first day that cell phone users can switch cell phone companies without losing their number.

News 4 November 24 – More and more families are ordering Thanksgiving dinner to go, a complete feast that you just heat and serve.

News 4 November 27 – The holidays can be stressful for all of us. Doctors say some people may be suffering from the "shop till you drop" syndrome.

News 4 November 28 – In Germantown the search for sales drew hundreds to the Wal-Mart before the doors opened at 6:00 am.

News 4 November 28 – People will be shopping for high-tech gifts this holiday season. Digital cameras are high on the list.

News 4 November 28 – They call today black Friday. If the experts are correct, this will be a strong season.

News 4 December 1 – Getting organized around the house can be a real chore. A family organizer from Simpliciti may help.

News 4 December 1 – Microsoft says it wants to start a new trend. The software giant wants to put a computer in every vehicle.

News 4 December 1 – The US Postal Service is gearing up for what it expects will be a very busy holiday season.

News 4 December 2 – F.A.O. Schwarz announced it is filing for bankruptcy again.

News 4 December 2 – It helps you pack away the files and email you need all on a little device called MIGO.

News 4 December 2 – The Consumer Product Safety Commission is recalling almost 450 thousand SCI Promotion Group Mini-flashlights.

News 4 December 2 – The CPSC is also recalling 64 thousand Bachtold Brothers Weed and Brush Cutters.

News 4 December 2 – The Insurance Information Institute reminds consumers not to let their guard down when they're gift shopping.

News 4 December 3 – Tech companies are coming out with new devices to make driving and talking on your cell phone easier.

News 4 December 4 – Liz Crenshaw reports on how homeowners looking to lower energy bills are doing it by audit.

News 4 December 4 – The Fairfax County fire department is holding firm on the state's new Christmas tree ban.

News 4 December 8 – Congress approved a measure designed to crack down on spam.

News 4 December 8 – An alternative to fighting jammed parking lots and crowded malls may be to do holiday shopping on line.

News 4 December 10 – The Washington Post reports the supermarket chain Giant is asking store managers to reduce their payrolls over the next three weeks.

News 4 December 10 – Leaders in the Muslim community are accusing Bank of America of ignoring an offensive e-mail and a Muslim worker who came forward to complain.

News 4 December 11 – Customs officials are cracking down on Counterfeit products.

News 4 December 12 – NetSec says there are ways to keep searching for information engines from accessing sensitive files on a website.

News 4 December 12 – Liz answers questions about charitable donations and snow removal dumping.

News 4 December 15 – Toy packaging has become a world of hard-plastic, bondage-breaking, twist-tie torture.

News 4 December 15 – The Pocket Digital 130 from Logitech is a sleek little camera that takes decent pictures and you never have to change the batteries.

News 4 December 16 – Online travel sites charge airlines a fee to sell the carrier's tickets on the Web. Some airlines say those fees are unfair and driving ticket prices up.

News 4 December 16 – President Bush signed a measure into law designed to stem the flood of unwanted e-mails.

News 4 December 19 – Wal-Mart is launching its own computer-line music business.

News 4 December 22 – The postal facility at Brentwood re-opened today.

News 4 December 23 – Last day UPS can accept packages for delivery before Christmas.

News 4 December 23 – Federal officials are investigating the possibility a single cow in Washington state has Mad Cow Disease.

News 4 December 24 – Local consumers seem to be taking a wait and see attitude on the subject of Mad Cow Disease. Federal investigators are tracing the life history of the cow believed to have been infected with the Mad Cow Disease.

News 4 December 24 – PEPCO workers are still searching for the source of a power outage that has been plaguing a major travel route all day.

News 4 December 25 – The 2004 Auto Show officially opened its doors today at the Washington Convention Center.

News 4 December 26 – Federal officials have quarantined two calves from the cow that was stricken with the Mad Cow Disease.

News 4 December 29 – There is a new law in Virginia that is related to homeland security that could mean longer lines in DMV offices.

IV. Education

WRC-TV regularly broadcasts news and other segments about and pertaining to educational issues. Some examples are listed below

News 4 October 1 – Two new studies conclude that the homework load for students in the country is relatively light.

News 4 October 2 – New study about wild animals that should give zoos some food for thought.

News 4 October 2 – There are reports that NASA may be forced to push back the first shuttle flight since the Columbia disaster.

News 4 October 10 – The Board of Education is looking at four options which could effect when schools in Frederick County start their day.

News 4 October 9 – More tuition increases are likely on the way for students at Maryland's public universities.

News 4 October 9 – Visitors to the Air and Space Museum will soon get a new and better look at a piece of aviation history.

News 4 October 9 – Two weeks after a huge fire at the National Capital Trolley Museum in Montgomery County, the museum is reopening.

News 4 October 9 – The Liberty Bell was moved from the Liberty Bell Pavilion to its newest home at the Liberty Bell Center.

News 4 October 13 – Researchers at Duke University have trained monkeys with brain implants to move a robot arm with their thoughts.

News 4 October 13 – 850 high school seniors in Virginia will be the first to use an on-line tutorial before re-taking the reading standards-of-learning exams.

News 4 October 14 – Governor Mark Warner has plans for higher education that will increase people's earning power and stimulate the economy.

News 4 October 14 – Scientists searching for jellyfish came across a Greenland shark.

News 4 October 15 – There is a move in Fairfax County to cut special education services there.

News 4 October 16 – The Smithsonian's Museum of Natural History is preparing an exhibit on mammals that will feature a life sized giraffe.

News 4 October 20 – With tuition on the rise at the University of Maryland some students are fighting back.

News 4 October 24 – For two days some of the rarest and holiest Buddhist relics will be on display in our area.

News 4 October 24 – Prince George's County's school board is working to fix the computer problem that has shortchanged public school teachers and bus drivers.

News 4 October 27 – The top honor for teaching in Virginia has been awarded for 2004.

News 4 October 27 – First time in 20 years a teacher from our area has been named Virginia's teacher of the year.

News 4 October 29 – Statistics show car crashes are the number one killer of young people in the United States.

News 4 November 12 – Two DC public school teachers received 25 thousand dollars each for all their hard work.

News 4 November 14 – DC School Superintendent Paul Vance announced he is resigning in January.

News 4 November 14 – Before Paul Vance announced his resignation, his administration unveiled the results of new test scores.

News 4 November 18 – The struggling DC school systems was rocked by the resignation of Paul Vance.

News 4 November 19 – Creation of a national museum honoring African American history and culture is closer to becoming reality.

News 4 November 20 – Fairfax Superintendent Daniel Domenech will recommend the school board turn down a proposal for a new charter school for autistic children.

News 4 November 20 – The space shuttle Enterprise was moved from its hangar to the UdvarHazy Air and Space Museum at Dulles.

News 4 December 1 – In just a couple of weeks the Smithsonian 's new annex to the Air and Space Museum will open near Dulles Airport.

News 4 December 2 – Kindergarten students in Montgomery County are making major gains in reading.

News 4 December 2 – In Prince George's County there's a call for one of the largest lobbying efforts in county history.

News 4 December 2 – The Negro Leagues – lots of baseball fans say it's long over due, we can't forget the colored leagues.

News 4 December 4 – The economic slump is causing big businesses to tighten their belts. Imagine what it's doing to non-profits and charities.

News 4 December 8 – A 17 year old from New York is helping scientist learn more about how the brain works based on his science project.

News 4 December 9 – There are hopes that Iraq and the US can bridge some differences with a cultural exchange.

News 4 December 9 – While earthquakes in our region are rare, the metro area has been shaken a number of times in the past.

News 4 December 10 – Actress Sigourney Weaver of the Alien movie series, presented a special gift to officials at the National Museum of American History.

News 4 December 10 – DC schools are making changes to deal with problems of grade mismanagement.

News 4 December 10 – The Smithsonian's newest museum was officially dedicated today.

News 4 December 10 – It's been nearly a year and a half since Maryland's historic state tree was toppled during a violent summer storm.

News 4 December 15 – The new extension of the Air and Space Museum opened in Dulles Airport.

News 4 December 15 – The DC School Board held a routine meeting and some students and adult activists disrupted it.

News 4 December 17 – Members of the Wright Experience in Warrenton Virginia helped build the replica of the Wright Brothers plane.

News 4 December 17 – Tens of thousands of people gathered in North Carolina to try to re-live a piece of aviation history.

News 4 December 17 – The DC school board has been threatening to lay off 500 teachers and 200 other staffers.

News 4 December 17 – The layoff notices were supposed to go out as early as next week, but now many of the jobs won't be cut.

News 4 December 22 – The Fairfax County school board will look at ways to bring more diversity to the area's premier magnet school.

News 4 December 26 – There was a massive traffic back-up near Dulles Airport involving people who wanted to look at airplanes rather than fly in them.

News 4 December 26 – Scientists have not received any signs the tiny space vehicle Beagle 2 survived its landing on Mars.

V. Politics

WRC-TV covers the activities of federal, state and local governments, and other regional organizations in a number of its programs, some of which are described below

News 4 October 7 – Supreme Court heard arguments today on the ongoing dispute between VA and MD over the use of the Potomac River.

News 4 October 7 – Voters in California are going to the polls to decide whether to recall Governor Gray Davis.

News 4 October 9 – The smoking ban in Montgomery County is encouraging activists in the District who want a similar ban in the city.

News 4 October 10 – Vice President Cheney publicly joined the White House PR campaign on Iraq policy.

News 4 October 10 – President Bush is taking steps to crack down on illegal travel to Cuba.

News 4 October 13 – The Supreme Court will decide whether the Pledge of Allegiance violates the line separating Church and State.

News 4 October 17 – Congress passed President Bush's 87 billion dollar aid request for post war Iraq and Afghanistan.

News 4 October 21 – The Senate is expected to pass a bill banning "partial birth abortions".

News 4 October 22 – PG County Executive Jack Johnson is offering plan he hopes will save PG Hospital Center from bankruptcy.

News 4 October 23 – International group ANSWER will hold anti-war protest on the Mall to protest the Bush administration's policy in Iraq.

News 4 October 30 – Virginians go to the polls next week to choose state legislators and county leaders.

News 4 November 6 – The Pentagon is hoping to reduce the overall number of troops in Iraq early next year.

News 4 November 12 – Republicans have set up 30 hours of debate on the subject of the Democrats' blockage of four of the President's judicial nominees.

News 4 November 13 – Japan put off a decision about sending troops to Iraq and South Korea capped its contribution at 3 thousand soldiers.

News 4 November 18 – The Montgomery County council want to help restaurants that may be hurt by the county's smoking ban.

News 4 November 18 – Michael Byrne the homeland security director for the National Capital Region is planning to resign.

News 4 November 19 – The Federal Trade Commission is suing AmeriDebt for using

deceptive marketing practices.

News 4 November 24 – The Senate to vote on a bill that would bring sweeping changes to Medicare.

News 4 November 26 – Senior citizens angry over AARP's endorsement of the Medicare reform bill ripped up their membership cards and their Internet board with complaints.

News 4 November 27 – President Bush surprised the troops in Iraq with a visit to Baghdad for Thanksgiving.

News 4 November 28 – A man believed to have terrorist links is being held at a London police station after a series of anti-terror raids.

News 4 December 2 – The District's city council passed a bill that would limit drivers use of cell phones.

News 4 December 8 – President Bush and the First Lady hosted a children's Christmas party at the White House.

News 4 December 10 – Union workers rallied across the country to show their concern about threats to their jobs and benefits.

News 4 December 10 – The National Archive has released another batch of tapes from the Nixon White House.

News 4 December 12 – The parliament in Germany has approved a memorial to the tens of thousands of homosexuals killed or persecuted by the Nazis.

News 4 December 15 – The arrest of Saddam Hussein sparked an angry protest in his hometown.

News 4 December 16 – Afghan President Hamid Karzai cut the ribbon on refurbished highway that connects Kabul and Kandahar.

News 4 December 19 – President Bush announced that Libya has agreed to disclose and dismantle all of its weapons of mass destruction.

News 4 December 22- US officials say the terror alert will remain at orange through the month of January.

News 4 December 22 – A federal judge ruled that the Pentagon must stop the enforced anthrax vaccination of the military.

News 4 December 25 – There was another attempt to assassinate President Pervez Musharraf in Pakistan.

News 4 December 25 – President Bush’s Christmas message focused on the US troops spending the holiday in Iraq.

VI. Environment

WRC-TV regularly broadcasts news and other segments on regional environmental issues. Some examples are listed below.

News 4 October 2 – It’s been two weeks since Isabel crashed ashore, wreaking havoc in our area.

News 4 October 7 – The Kilauea volcano in Hawaii is spewing out more lava.

News 4 October 8 – There are several investigations going on about the George Washington fire. Washington Gas Company is taking the lead.

News 4 October 9 – There are some 400 black bears in the state of Maryland.

News 4 October 15 – Last night’s strong winds are causing a lot of headaches for thousands of residents in our area.

News 4 October 16 – There was Diesel spill incident at the Hay Adams Hotel this afternoon.

News 4 October 20 – Flood warnings are up in parts of Western Washington State.

News 4 October 22 – The district government will spend five million dollars

News 4 October 22 – The district government will spend five million dollars to identify and remove dangerous lead paint in homes.

News 4 October 24 – Raging wildfires continue to burn uncontrollably in Southern California.

News 4 October 28 – The numbers from this inferno are staggering. More than half a million acres destroyed.

News 4 October 29 – The stormy weather is gone but overnight and this morning our area was pelted with heavy rains.

News 4 October 29 – The California Department of Forestry says one firefighter was killed while battling a wildfire in San Diego County.

News 4 October 29 – The fires spreading through southern California are the worst to hit the state in more than a decade.

News 4 October 30 – The wildfires have been raging for ten days now.

News 4 October 30 – Firefighters are getting some help from winds that are now coming out of the west.

News 4 October 31 – Firefighters are trying to save the resort town of Big Bear Lake.

News 4 November 4 – Fire crews battling wildfires in southern California are making great progress.

News 4 November 12 – After an extensive anthrax cleanup, the Brentwood postal facility is almost ready to reopen.

News 4 November 13 – Northern Montgomery County is one of the fastest growing places in our area.

News 4 November 19 – Prince George's County is better prepared to deal with the aftermath from heavy rains.

News 4 November 25 – The Forestville school system has a preliminary report from the consultant supervising the mercury cleanup.

News 4 November 26 – A proposed new development in Bowie, Maryland is raising the eyebrows of some local officials.

News 4 December 4 – Officials in Northern Virginia are taking a conservative approach to storm preparations.

News 4 December 8 – Parts of the Northeast are still digging out from this weekend's snowstorm.

News 4 December 8 – People in New England are digging out from a blizzard that dumped so much snow it was measured in feet rather than inches.

News 4 December 10 – Flooding was a problem in Old Town Alexandria this morning.

News 4 December 11 – Flooded roads extended the morning commute for a lot of people across the region.

News 4 December 12 – Crews with the Washington Sewer and Sanitation Commission are working to repair a broken water main in Landover.

News 4 December 12 – An office building in downtown Washington has been evacuated after a container in a trash bin tested positive for radioactive material.

News 4 December 15 – There was a small mercury spill at a school in southeast

Washington this afternoon.

News 4 December 15 – An electrical problem is being blamed for a house fire in the 4300 block of Reno Road.

News 4 December 15 – Firefighters rescued more than a dozen animals today from a burning house in Northwest DC.

News 4 December 15 – A deer wandered into the metro station in Prince George's County earlier this month.

News 4 December 15 – A small mercury spill created some tense moments at Hines Junior School in SE Washington this afternoon.

News 4 December 16 – There is news concerning the recent troubles at the National Zoo.

News 4 December 16 – Fire officials in the District are looking into a case of carbon monoxide poisoning.

News 4 December 16 – Over the last several years the zoo has been plagued by a number of animal deaths and an infestation of rodents.

News 4 December 16 – DC fire officials say a faulty furnace is likely to blame for a case of carbon monoxide poisoning this morning.

News 4 December 17 – Snowmobiles are racing towards extinction at Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks.

News 4 December 22 – Authorities in California say at least three people were killed in a powerful earthquake.

News 4 December 22 – The Brentwood Postal Facility is open to customers for the first time since the anthrax contamination.

News 4 December 22 – Investigators have linked yet another fire to the serial arsonist.

News 4 December 22 – Strong aftershocks are being felt in California following today's powerful earthquake.

News 4 December 24 – The families who lost everything in a fire earlier this week in Rockville are getting help from the community.

News 4 December 24 – The federal government is taking an unusual step in trying to protect the nation's capitol from terrorists.

News 4 December 26 – The earthquake that struck in Iran was catastrophic.

News 4 December 26 – Heavy rains triggered deadly mudslides in San Bernardino, California.

News 4 December 26 – There has been an avalanche at a ski resort in the Aspen Grove area of Provo Canyon.

News 4 December 26 – On Monday an earthquake with a magnitude of 6-point-5 struck the area midway between San Francisco and Los Angeles.

News 4 December 26 – The death toll from a powerful earthquake in Iran is in the thousands.

News 4 December 29 – A young girl was pulled alive from the rubble of the earthquake that killed thousands in Iran.

News 4 December 29 – Some local rescue workers who were on their way to Iran were stopped and sent back home.

News 4 December 29 – People who live in the area that experienced deadly mudslides in California, are being told to prepare for the possibility of more flooding.

VII. Crime

WRC-TV regularly covers issues related to crime, crime prevention, and anti-violence activities.

News 4 October 1- President Bush signed into law the first budget for Homeland Security.

News 4 October 1 - Fairfax County police have released sketch of man suspected of sexually assaulting a 12 yr old boy over the weekend.

News 4 October 2 – Firefighters called to investigate a car fire found the body of man inside.

News 4 October 2 – DC police chief Ramsey extending the department's crime crackdown program.

News 4 October 3 – Police in Maryland are looking for man who beat and raped a woman, and then beat her 6 yr old son.

News 4 October 6 – Police are looking for suspects in deadly shooting that ended in a car wreck; one person killed, 4 others were injured.

News 4 October 8- report on deadly shooting in NW DC

News 4 October 8 – Canadian police will soon have a tool to help them track down cases of child porn on the Internet.

News 4 October 9 – coverage of chase and arrest of the 2 suspects who allegedly abducted a Senator's wife in McLean

News 4 October 10 – DC police have identified a suspect in Monday's deadly shooting of 16 yr old girl

News 4 October 10- murder suspect who escaped from prison is back in custody in Pennsylvania tonight

News 4 October 13 – armed man held police at bay for 5 hours after barricading himself in a bldg in SE

News 4 October 13 – suspect in custody on the murder of a PG county teenager

News 4 October 13, 14 – sniper trial is about to begin

News 4 October 14 – robbery call in Charles County MD turns into murder investigation

News 4 October 14- raid at 2 apt complexes in Suitland turned up a dozen illegal bulldogs

News 4 October 14 – Local woman to spend 4 days in jail for assaulting a 4 yr old with hot French-fries.

News 4 October 15 – Manassas police and DEA agents raided a hotel room and found a meth lab.

News 4 October 16 – proposed settlement between the Boston Archdiocese and hundreds of alleged victims of clergy sex abuse is now on hold.

News 4 October 16 – Police are at the scene of a stabbing at a PG County middle school.

News 4 October 17 – Carlton Dotson giving up extradition fight and will return to Texas to face murder charges in the Baylor University Dennehy death.

News 4 October 20 – Kobe Bryant ruling on whether he will stand trial on the rape charges is coming down today.

News 4 October 22 – A grand jury indicted Paul DuBois with deliberately setting a fire at the Marina View Towers.

News 4 October 22 – The captain of the Staten Island ferry boat involved in a deadly crash last week is now suspended after refusing to cooperate with investigators.

News 4 October 22 – DNA evidence linking the same suspect to five rapes has been submitted to a national database of criminal offenders.

News 4 October 24 – There will be a new judge to presiding over Kobe Bryant's case.

News 4 October 25 – man in stable condition after being carjacked and run down with his own car

News 4 October 27 – Testimony began today in the trial of a man accused of killing 2 PG County sheriffs deputies last year

News 4 October 28 – New fingertips and photo equipment that will be installed soon has been unveiled

News 4 October 28 – PG County police are investigating a double shooting in New Carrollton

News 4 October 28 – Alexandria man is under arrest for allegedly sexually assaulting a 13-year-old girl he met over the Internet.

News 4 October 29 – The student arrested for taking mercury from Ballou HS in DC was in court yesterday

News 4 October 29 – FBI, DC police and Postal Service are looking for a man responsible for 5 hold ups and attempts last week in broad light

News 4 October 30 – community activists in DC are expected to hold a vigil in NE to honor woman and her two daughters attacked for reporting drug activity

News 4 October 31 – Capitol Police Chief Terry Gainer ordered his dept be re-trained on security policies and procedures

News 4 November 3 – There will be no preliminary hearing for the college student accused of hiding box cutters and other banned items on two planes.

News 4 November 3 – Police arrested a man who threw a brick through a window at the Cannon House office building.

News 4 November 4 – A new report shows African American men in Maryland are more likely to be jailed than white men.

News 4 November 4 – Wal-Mart is the focus of an investigation into the hiring of illegal immigrants.

News 4 November 4 – Police in Alexandria have now identified a woman they say has been stealing artwork from local galleries in Old Town.

News 4 November 5 – Police have made an arrest in a district bank robbery and the suspect may end up facing additional holdup charges.

News 4 November 6 – A custody hearing took place in Jacksonville, Florida involving a 2-year-old girl who was allegedly left alone for 19 days.

News 4 November 6 – A traffic stop has turned into a possible murder mystery for the Maryland State Police.

News 4 November 10 – A Prince George's County Circuit Court jury found James Logan guilty of murdering two county sheriff's deputies.

News 4 November 10 – A brief scare at the White House after a private plane strayed into restricted airspace.

News 4 November 11 – The trial of sniper suspect John Allen Muhammad resumes tomorrow in Virginia Beach.

News 4 November 11 – Police investigate a suspicious package that was left at the Northgate Shopping Center in Aspen Hill.

News 4 November 11 – The driver charged in a deadly hit and run in the District was released on his own recognizance.

News 4 November 11 – Montgomery County police are looking for two suspects who robbed and carjacked a cab driver.

News 4 November 12 – A jury was seated in the trial of the other sniper suspect Lee Boyd Malvo.

News 4 November 12 – DC police are asking the public to help identify a robbery suspect.

News 4 November 17 – The bomb squad called in after a staffer at Rock View Elementary in Kensington found a small pipe bomb on the side of the school.

News 4 November 17 – A volunteer firefighter from Price William County allegedly stole a credit card from an elderly patient in need of medical care.

News 4 November 18 – Virginia investigators are not joining the arson task force looking into a series of similar fires set in our area.

News 4 November 18 – Michael Jackson has investigators all over his Neverland Ranch

conducting a criminal investigation.

News 4 November 18 – A woman suspected of stealing artwork from local galleries in Alexandria is now in police custody.

News 4 November 19 – The Santa Barbara prosecutor confirms that a child has accused Michael Jackson of sexual molestation.

News 4 November 20 – More charges are being filed in connection with the embezzlement scandal with the Washington teachers union.

News 4 November 20 – For the second time in less than a week, there has been a twin set of terrorist attacks in Turkey.

News 4 November 20 – There was a security scare at the White House, but it turned out to be a false alarm.

News 4 November 21 – DC Police Chief Charles Ramsey says the problem with gun violence in the city continues to be a huge problem.

News 4 November 21 – Michael Jackson free on bond and back in Las Vegas after he was booked on charges of child molestation.

News 4 November 21 – A man sees someone stealing his car, then opens fire. PG County's prosecutor is taking a stand.

News 4 November 24 – DC Police investigate the shooting of a teenager in Northeast.

News 4 November 24 – The sniper-shooting spree began in our area 13 months ago.

News 4 November 25 – PG County police are searching for a robbery suspect who led officers on a high-speed chase from Oxon Hill into the District.

News 4 November 25 – The 15-year old boy charged with murdering a student from Anacostia High School will not be tried as an adult.

News 4 December 1 – Some district residents are getting help combating crime in their neighborhoods.

News 4 December 2 – DC police have made arrest in connection with armed robbery on Catholic University's campus.

News 4 December 2 – Technician at FBI headquarters in Washington admits she used the bureau's computers to help tip off drug suspects.

News 4 December 2 – Police in Fairfax, County are asking for help identifying a woman that has been passing forged checks.

News 4 December 3 – Arlington County police are asking for help to find a man suspected of burglarizing several doctor's offices.

News 4 December 4 – The body of Assistant US Attorney Jonathan Luna was found earlier today.

News 4 December 5 – There is increased security at several American University campus dormitories after a series of arson fires.

News 4 December 8 – Four people implicated in the Washington Teachers' Union scandal were due in court for a status hearing.

News 4 December 8 – Three teenagers are charged in connection with a series of robberies in Fairfax County.

News 4 December 10 – Two North Carolina men are the first to be indicted under Virginia's new anti-spam law.

News 4 December 10 – A man accused of driving drunk on Thanksgiving day and causing a deadly crash in the District is now facing involuntary manslaughter charges.

News 4 December 10 – DC police have identified the body of a man found stuffed inside a duffel bag in Northwest.

News 4 December 12 – A Prince George's County man has been sentenced to one-hundred years in jail for killing two sheriff's deputies last year.

News 4 December 12 – More than a half dozen schools in northeast Washington were impacted by bomb threats.

News 4 December 15 – Police expect to charge a Fairfax man with manslaughter after a deadly accident over the weekend.

News 4 December 16 – There are new developments in a child custody case that gained international and national attention about 15 years ago.

News 4 December 16 – Police are looking for the driver of a van who hit a man as he was trying to cross the street.

News 4 December 17 – A 17 year old Wheaton High School student is being questioned in connection with a suspicious device that was found at the school.

News 4 December 17 – For the jury to convict Malvo of capital murder on the multiple

murders charge, they have to conclude that he was the triggerman.

News 4 December 19 – US park police are continuing their investigation into last night's shooting involving one of their officers.

News 4 December 19 – DC police are looking for two men who shot and wounded an off duty detective last night while he was trying to gas up his car.

News 4 December 22 – More charges are pending against a teenager in Fairfax County charged with DWI after a fatal accident.

News 4 December 23 – With the threat code now at orange, the Pentagon says Americans can expect to see more combat air patrols providing security.

News 4 December 23 – There are new details being released about one of the terror threats being taken seriously by the government.

News 4 December 24 – US officials believe Al Qaeda is focusing on small town America.

News 4 December 24 – Four teenagers are under arrest for burglarizing a gun store in Alexandria.

News 4 December 24 – In Iraq there's more proof of the dangers facing soldiers and civilians. Also in Baghdad, a close call for people inside a Sheraton Hotel.

News 4 December 25- some of the jurors in sniper trial of Lee Malvo now say that they misunderstood the judge's instructions

News 4 December 25 – federal and local officers responded to a suspicious package today near the National Cathedral in NW DC

News 4 December 25 – police in Montgomery County arrested 5 people who are accused of stealing some motorcycles overnight and then leading police in high speed chase

News 4 December 26- two gun toting thieves ripped off a guy in France on Xmas eve

News 4 December 27 – teenager in Florida may be close to accepting a plea agreement to get him out of jail soon – he was convicted at 12 of killing a playmate.

News 4 December 29 – in North Carolina, seven teenagers are dead after police chase and a car crash

News 4 December 29 – police in PG County are searching for 2 men in connection with pizza delivery shooting

VIII. Transportation

WRC-TV regularly broadcasts news and other on transportation issues. Some examples are listed below.

News 4 October 1 – Police in Illinois are on the scene of a deadly accident northwest of Chicago.

News 4 October 6 – The pilot of a small plane that crashed into the Potomac River was not injured.

News 4 October 8 – Metro is offering something new and hi-tech for passengers on the go. The transit agency unveiled its first self-cleaning public toilet.

News 4 October 9 – Metro is looking towards the future and trying to plan in case a black out were to strike here.

News 4 October 10 – People who use part of the Metro's Red Line will need to make alternate plans this weekend.

News 4 October 13 – Metro says track replacement work on part of the Red Line is proceeding.

News 4 October 14 – Police in Prince George's County are investigating a deadly accident that happened early this morning in Clinton.

News 4 October 15 – A Staten Island ferry crashed this afternoon as it was docking on Staten Island.

News 4 October 16 – Investigators are trying to determine if the pilot of a Staten Island ferryboat is to blame for yesterday's deadly accident.

News 4 October 16 – Metro officials gave preliminary approval to post signs letting riders know there are bathrooms in metro stations that riders can use.

News 4 October 17 – Investigators are beginning to piece together what happened when a ferryboat crashed in Staten Island.

News 4 October 17 – In Maryland eight people are hurt after a SUV collided with a bus carrying senior citizens.

News 4 October 17 – Metro riders can expect some delays on the Orange Line as repair crews replace tracks.

News 4 October 21 – A new plan is in the works to try to relieve the congestion we see on our roads.

News 4 October 22 – It's been more than a month since Hurricane Isabel roared through our area.

News 4 October 22 – The Washington Post is working on a story for tomorrow about the changing face of historic Occoquan.

News 4 October 22 – A second Chesapeake Bay bridge could be in the future. Maryland transportation officials are looking into building a new span.

News 4 October 22 – Police say two friends who were taking their morning walk together were hit by a van on Falls Road in Potomac.

News 4 October 23 – Metro under fire for some of its actions during Hurricane Isabel, is trying to make improvements.

News 4 October 23 – A grandmother from England – who doubles as a helicopter pilot, is looking to land a new spot in the record books.

News 4 October 23 – Metro officials are warning the agency doesn't have enough money to keep providing reliable service in the next few years.

News 4 October 24 – Red light cameras in the District are having a big impact.

News 4 October 27 – Four newly renovated rail cars are now in service on Metro's Yellow Line.

News 4 October 27 – Not long after the September 11th terrorist attacks, Congress created the Transportation Security Administration.

News 4 October 28 – Fairfax County police say they will be stepping up patrols on Halloween night to ensure that everyone has a safe holiday.

News 4 October 29 – There's a lookout in the District for a car involved in a deadly hit and run accident.

News 4 October 30 – People who want to get a new driver's license in Virginia will notice some changes next year.

News 4 October 31 – Work crews in Prince Georges County rolled out the snowplows and the salt trucks and did a test run.

News 4 November 3 – The District is cracking down on large construction sites that hog public space without permits.

News 4 November 4 – Montgomery County police are investigating a nasty collision that happened in Silver Spring.

News 4 November 4 – Virginia Railway Express is expanding its Quite Car service on each train.

News 4 November 7 – A trash truck plowed into a home in a Tysons Corner neighborhood.

News 4 November 13 – The windy weather is causing some major delays at airports here in our area and along the East coast.

News 4 November 14 – People who drive up I-95 through Baltimore and beyond will soon pay more money for tolls.

News 4 November 18 – The transportation security administration says it can get you through airport security faster if you follow some simple rules.

News 4 November 18 – Starting next Tuesday, Amtrak will expand its service in the Northeast.

News 4 November 24 – Police are investigating a fatal accident in Arlington and would like to hear from anyone who may have been a witness.

News 4 November 25 – Holiday travelers are already on the move heading out of town for the long Thanksgiving weekend.

News 4 November 25 – Amtrak says more than 60 percent of its trains along the northeast corridor are sold out.

News 4 November 25 – A nasty accident slowed the start of the morning rush hour in Bethesda today.

News 4 November 25 – In Prince Georges County the police say this accident is the result of a 12-year-old who tried to drive.

News 4 November 26 – Thanksgiving reunions will be especially heartfelt for US troops who are able to get home for the holidays.

News 4 November 27 – The “r and r” program only flies troops to certain airports in the nation, including BWI.

News 4 November 28 – A suspected drunk driver that killed a child in the district has been sent to a halfway house.

News 4 November 28 – More charges are expected to be filed in a car accident that killed an 8-year-old child.

News 4 December 1 – A police car and three other vehicles were involved in an accident

in Montgomery County.

News 4 December 3 – Metro transit police are warning riders to be cautious during this holiday season.

News 4 December 3 – There 's new information about the death of a man who was involved in a violent struggle with police in Cincinnati.

News 4 December 3 – A member of the task force that investigated the sniper attacks is in Columbus, Ohio to help investigate a series of highway shooting there.

News 4 December 3 – Mental health experts are expected in court for the trial of sniper suspect Lee Malvo.

News 4 December 3 – Route 28 in Loudoun County is now named Darrell Green Boulevard in honor of the former Redskin cornerback.

News 4 December 3 – Several people were hurt today after a nasty accident in Silver Spring.

News 4 December 5 – This morning's snow made it tough for some drivers to get around.

News 4 December 5 – The storm forced some school districts to close while others had a delayed opening.

News 4 December 5 – Seven people are recovering tonight from injuries they suffered in a multi-car crash in the District.

News 4 December 8 – A nasty accident in Rockville caused major back-ups just as the morning rush hour got underway.

News 4 December 10 – Transportation officials in the District are unveiling a new plan that could dramatically change the way traffic moves on "K" street.

News 4 December 10 – Bridge inspectors have been fanning out across the District to check for any signs of damage after yesterday's minor earthquake.

News 4 December 10 – Amtrak went to court to try to block four unions from walking off the job.

News 4 December 11 – New information was revealed today during testimony at the trial of sniper suspect Lee Malvo.

News 4 December 12 – Metro sponsored a contest earlier this month and encouraged their drivers and mechanics to decorate their buses.

News 4 December 12 – Traffic back-ups in Landover near Brightseat Road and Arena Drive due to water main break repair.

News 4 December 12 – Police say icy road conditions contributed to a deadly car crash in Poolesville this morning.

News 4 December 16 – DC Police are investigating two deadly accidents that happened this morning just blocks away from each other.

News 4 December 16 – About an hour and a half after the first accident, another man was killed just a few blocks away.

News 4 December 18 – Metro officials say they could have handled last week's bomb threats a little better.

News 4 December 19 – Renting a car should soon be a lot easier for people who use BWI Airport.

News 4 December 19 – Repair crews are still cleaning up the site of yesterday's train derailment in Alexandria.

News 4 December 23 – Officials in the District are installing 100 cameras to monitor streets throughout the city.

News 4 December 24 – Police are still trying to identify two of the three people who were killed in a car crash in Falls Church last night.

News 4 December 25 – More than 90 people are dead after a plane that was bound for Beirut Lebanon crashed today.

News 4 December 26 – The most expensive ocean liner ever build arrived at her new homeport.

News 4 December 26 – A garbage man was killed in a work-related accident in the District this morning.